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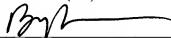
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND RCE**Mail Stop RCE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 24, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following paper, and is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and a request for a one month extension of time. Please consider the following remarks.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.